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Dear Mr President,

As brother of Raoul Wallenberg I would like to thank you and Mrs Reagan for your warm considerate words of greeting at the occasion of the Raoul Wallenberg Tribute in the Rotunda of Cannon House Office Building on October 8th. Your interest and concern for Raoul has always been a source of encouragement and inspiration for all us who are working to get Raoul back from the Soviet Union if still alive, which we have strong reason to believe.

The Soviet Union has for 30 years maintained that Raoul died in 1947 under for the Soviet government highly embarrassing circumstances. This version, based on documents of questionable value, and contradicted by numerous testimonies, is mainly of historical interest.

We have very recent information that Raoul was alive at least a year ago in a special prison for long time prisoners of unknown or mistaken identity. According to our information the prison is located in the neighborhood of Torchok between Leningrad and Moscow. More detailed information has been given to the Soviet desk of State Department.

The Soviet Union has over the last months shown signs of a more conciliant attitude also regarding Raoul Wallenberg, in line with the general policy of "glasnost". Nevertheless, it is likely that only a direct appeal on the highest level to Party Secretary Gorbachev is likely to succeed.

I appeal to you, Mr President, to suggest to Mr Gorbachev that a search for Raoul Wallenberg, in particular among this category of misidentified prisoners, be made on the hypothesis that he is still alive. If necessary my sister and myself would be willing to assist the Soviet authorities in identifying him.

I would in particular appreciate, if you would make this suggestion at a suitable occasion of the coming summit meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

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